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Response to question 5 from Senator Cash and Senator Scarr

5) Judicial vacancies, appointment processes and cessations.

Current lists showing:

- a) all federal judicial officer positions that are vacant, including the reason for the vacancy;
- b) the expected date on which each federal judicial position will become vacant (e.g. because the judicial officer will turn 70, or has given an indication they will retire)
- c) for each judicial appointment made since 1 July 2022 the elapsed time in days between the point at which the role became vacant, and the point at which the newly appointed judicial officer commenced in their role.

Response

a) The table below provides all federal judicial officer positions that are vacant, including the reason for the vacancy, as at 23 May 2024. Processes are underway to fill these vacancies.

Reason
Retirement
Resignation
Retirement
Resignation
Resignation
Retirement
New Position (MYEFO funded)

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Reason
Position (MYEFO funded)

- b) Information on the cessation of judges is available on the following website: https://www.directory.gov.au/
- c) For each judicial appointment made since 1 July 2022, the table below provides the elapsed time in days between the point at which the role became vacant, and the point at which the newly appointed judicial officer commenced.

Court	Name	Days lapsed from start of vacancy to date commenced (calendar days)
High Court	Justice Jayne Margaret Jagot	
	Justice Stephen Gageler AC	
	(elevation to Chief Justice)	
	Justice Robert Beech-Jones	
Federal Court	Justice Geoffrey Kennett	63
	Justice Catherine Button	21
	Justice Ian Jackman	310
	Justice Adam Hatcher	
	Chief Justice Debra Mortimer	
	(elevation to Chief Justice)	
	Justice Emilios Kyrou AO	
	Justice Christopher Horan	151
	Justice Yaseen Shariff	37
	Justice Penelope Neskovcin	213
	Justice Craig Dowling	72
FCFCOA	Justice Robin Lynn Cohen	
(Division 1)	Justice Rebecca Curran	158
	Justice Steven Jones	
FCFCOA	Judge Amanda Humphreys	260
(Division 2)	Judge Constantina (Dina) Lioumis	220
	Judge Janine Young	170
	Judge Jennifer McArdle	80
	Judge Mark Champion	268
	Judge Louise Goodchild	169
	Judge Anastasis (Tass) Liveris	172
	Judge Simone Bingham	429
	Judge Anna Bertone	187